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SUBJECT: GANDHI ADDRSS TO NON-ALIGNED NEWS POOL CONFERENCE

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1. MRS. GANDHI INAUGURATED THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES ON A PRESS AGENCIES POOL ON JULY 8 WITH A BRIEF ADDRESS. SUMMARY AND EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

2. NON-ALIGNMENT, SHE SAID, IS "ONE OF THE MOST PURPOSIVE AND POWERFUL INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENTS IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY." IT IS A POSITIVE MOVEMENT; ALIGNMENT "IS NEGATIVE BECAUSE IT CONNOTES TERMING UP AGAINST OTHERS OUT OF SUSPICION..."

3. THERE IS A TENDENCY TO DIVIDE THE WORLD INTO DIFFEREENT CATEGORIES, AND THE EXPRESSION 'THIRD WORLD' IS USED RATHER INDISCRIMINATELY AND APPLIED TO NON-ALIGNED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. PERSONALLY, I STAND FIRMLY BY THE CONCEPT OF ONE WORLD."

4. MRS. GANDHI STRESSED "THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT STRETCHING THE PREMISES AND CRITERIA OF OUR MOVEMENT IN SUCH MANNER AS TO BLUR ITS VERY DEFINITION. LET US COOPERATE WITH ALL COUNTRIES, EXCEPT AVOWEDLY RACIST  
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REGIMES, BUT LET US GUARD OUR IDENTITY."

5. IN SPITE OF POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY, MOST OF US WHO HAVE EMERGED FROM A COLONIAL OR SEMI-COLONIAL PAST CONTINUE TO HAVE A RATHER UNEQUAL CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR RESPECTIVE FORMER OVERLORDS. THEY OFTEN REMAIN THE MAIN SOURCE OF INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGICAL GUIDANCE... WE IMBIBE THEIR PREJUDICES. EVEN OUR IMAGE OF OURSELVES, NOT TO SPEAK OF THE VIEW OF OTHER COUNTRIES, TENDS TO CONFORM TO THEIRS...

6. BUT RATHER THAN UNGUARDEDLY ACCEPTING VERSIONS PUT OUT BY NEWS AGENCIES AND PUBLISHING HOUSES OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES, WE SHOULD GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER DIRECTLY AND KEEP IN TOUCH TO HAVE FIRST-HAND ACQUAINTANCE WITH OUT RESPECTIVE VIEWS...

7. "THE MEDIA OF THE POWERFUL COUNTRIES WANT TO DEPICT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THEIR ERSTWHILE COLONIES AS INEPT AND CORRUPT AND THEIR PEOPLE AS YEARNING FOR THE GOOD OLD DAYS ... TO A LARGE EXTENT THERE IS A DELIBERATE PURPOSE. LEADERS WHO UPHOLD THEIR NATIONAL INTERESTS AND RESIST THE BLANDISHMENTS OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND AGENCIES ARE DENIGRATED AND THEIR IMAGE FALSIFIED IN EVERY CONCEIVABLE WAY."

8. REFERRING TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO THE EMERGENCY, MRS. GANDHI SAID, " IT WAS A POLITICAL CHALLENGE WHICH HAD TO BE MET. THE WESTERN MEDIA INTERPRETED IT AS AN ONSLAUGHT ON DEMOCRACY OR AN ABROGATION OF THE CONSTITUTION, WHICH WAS NOT AT ALL CORRECT. MOST IF NOT ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNDERSTOOD THE POSITION. YET MANY WERE MISLED INTO BELIEVING THE WESTERN VERSIONS TO BE OBJECTIVE REPORTING... HENCE THE NECESSITY TO HAVE MORE DIRECT EXCHANGE AMONG OURSELVES... THIS ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE A POOLING AND SHARING OF THE WORK OF OUR NATIONAL NEWS AGENCIES IS A GOOD BEGINNING...

9. "SELF -RELIANCE IN SOURCES OF INFORMATION IS AS IMPORTANT AS TECHNOLOGICAL SELF-RELIANCE. I HOPE THIS CONFERENCE WILL MARK THE BEGINNING OF A DETERMINED UNCLASSIFIED

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